



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 6:45 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - July 20, 2001

- C ***In the West***, mild, dry weather favors irrigated summer crops. In the ***Great Basin and Northwest***, however, limited irrigation supplies and soil moisture shortages are stressing pastures and dryland small grains.
- C ***On the Plains***, locally heavy showers and thunderstorms continue to benefit summer crops across ***east-central areas***, including ***southeastern Nebraska***. Meanwhile, isolated thundershowers are providing limited relief from recent extreme heat and dryness on the ***southern High Plains***, but hot, dry weather persists elsewhere in the ***south-central U.S.*** Mild weather and scattered showers are aiding drought-stressed pastures and summer crops on the ***northern High Plains***.
- C ***In the Corn Belt***, scattered showers and thunderstorms across ***western areas*** continue to benefit corn and soybeans, in or entering reproduction. Today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 85 degrees F in the ***eastern Corn Belt*** to near 95 degrees F in ***southwestern portions of the region***.
- C ***In the South***, isolated showers are developing ***east of the Delta***, where recent warm, dry conditions have begun to reduce soil moisture availability for pastures and summer crops. Hot, dry weather is overspreading areas from the ***Delta westward***, where today's high temperatures are forecast to approach 100 degrees F.

Outlook: During the next several days, beneficial showers will begin to diminish across the ***Southeast***, except in ***Florida***, where locally heavy rainfall will continue. Meanwhile, warm, mostly dry weather will prevail into next week from the ***eastern Corn Belt to the Mid-Atlantic region***, while beneficial showers are expected in the ***western Corn Belt and northern half of the Plains***. Cool, mostly dry weather is forecast in the ***Great Basin and Northwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for July 25-29 calls for a continuation of hot, mostly dry weather in the ***south-central U.S.*** Warm, showery weather is expected throughout the ***Intermountain West, northern Plains, and Corn Belt***, helping offset the effects of unseasonable warmth. Drier weather is forecast for ***Florida and the Gulf Coast***, but scattered showers may develop elsewhere in the ***Southeast***.

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